(d) what steps Govt. have taken to provide these medicines at reasonable prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that the market prices of Ethambutol and Rifampicin in bulk are much cheaper than notified prices;

(f) whether Govt. have verified the purchase invoices of these drugs; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (g) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recommended, to the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, the inclusion of identified drugs under the National Health Programmes for control of T.B. and Leprosy, in the Category I of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987. The Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Industry, is responsible for pricing, production and availability of drugs.

Exclusion of STD Drugs from Price Control Order

154. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 938 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the policy decision all the drugs required for diseases under National Health Programme were to be covered under Price Control Order; if so, what are the reasons for which the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare did not recommend Erythromycin, Probenicid, Spectinomycin Cephalosprin, Penicillin in different forms which are used for STD one of the diseases under National Health Programme, for price control;

(b) what are the reasons for which the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had deviated from the policy decision and what action has been taken against those responsible;

(c) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are reviewing their recommendations;

(d) if so, by when the revised recommendations would be sent; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (e) Drugs used for the STD Control Programmes are mainly anti-biotics which have been included in Category II of the Drugs Price Control Order. However, these are now being evaluated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for Category I price control recommendations to the Department of Chemicals.

Exclusion of Drugs for Diabeties, STD and Mental Health from Price Control Order

155. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1122 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had not recommended drugs required for Diabetes, STD and Mental Health which are covered under National Health Programmes for inclusion under price control orders;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the policy decision and under what circumstance the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare deviated from the policy decision; and